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Thursday June 27, 1985



O.I.C. CADET GRADUATES.
Left rear; Debra Murray, Tony Mejia, Gwendolyn Meachan, Merced Morris, Linda Martin, Barbara Love, Robert Hanley,

Diane Godfrey, Helen Garrett, Sandra Collin, Willene Ford; Center row left: Barbara Williams, Javier Rodriguez, Deborah McVeigh, Oliver Winston, Sylvia

Garcia, Hector Guerrero, Cobin Washam; Left front row: Cheryl Hartwell, Robert Bellhouse, Doris Petty, Gonzalo Gonzalez, and Peaches Downey.

O.I.C. COPE Program on the Move....

by Hazel Allen

THE O.I.C. Correctional Officer Preparatory Education program (COPE) graduated its first set of cadets, Friday June 21, although this was the end of a vigorous training session, it was just the beginning of a very meaningful career.

The COPE program was organized to pretrain cadets for the Galt Academy in their 6 week training session and then on to their job assignments.

Their 16 weeks of intensive training had prepared them not only physically but academically and psychologically.

Awards were given for straight A and A plus achievement through out the entire course; those recipients were Barbara Williams, Beverly Love, Helen Garrett and Diana Godfrey.

The other awards and recipients were, Best Overall Achievement in Physical Training - Beverly Love, Javier Rodriguez, passing their agility exams in the 80 - 90 percentile; Total Physical Fitness - Willene Ford, Gonzalo Gonzalez, with Gonzalez shaping up with an amazing loss of 20 pounds over the 16 weeks.

The award of Self Defense Improvement went to Hector Guerrero, and Javier Rodriguez; Most Improved Academically - Sylvia Garcia, Gonzalo Gonzalez and John Trujillo; Successful Completion of GED and passing State exam for Correctional Officer and COPE in 3 months, Miss Willene Ford; and Award for Excellent example for Classmates, recipients were Toney Mejia, Sandra Collins and Barbara Love.

The COPE training through O.I.C. was so thorough and the students excelled so in the program that before the end of the 16 week training some were already assigned to immediately report to; Selinda Pleasant was one who basically wrapped up the course in 4 weeks and is due to report in August to Galt Academy in Sacramento.

It was the typical graduation ceremony with an address from the Salutatorian, Mr. Oliver Winston summing his thoughts with a quote from Alfred Whitehead "The tragedy of the world is that those who are imaginative have

but slight experience, and those who are experienced have feeble imagination, and from Mr. Tony Mejia, Class President, his thoughts of "I don't want to be a common man...."

Other speakers included Mr. Carlos Sanchez chief of the Selection and Standards Branch Dept. of Corrections of Ca., who made the students aware of the fact that they may be branded now that they are a part of the system as "The upcoming Bureaucrats."

Mr. Eladio Amores, the director of Job Training Partnership Co. of Riverside, CA., congratulating the

Local Youth Seeks China Trip....

Sam Robinson, a 6'5" Norte Vista Jr., was recently invited by the Republic of China National Federation to participate in basketball competition in Taiwan this summer.

Robinson, one of Riverside's outstanding athletes (he has won MVP awards in basketball, track and football), was selected by the U.S. International sports exchange.

Local opposing coaches honored Robinson for his hard work, enabling him to average 25 pts. per game, be second in assists and get 21 rebounds in one game, by voting him to the All-League Team.

All of Robinson's hard work could be in vain if certain financial obligations are not met, however. Each of the players and coaches must raise their own expenses, which amounts to \$1,695.00. This amount includes round trip air fare, hotels, meals, internal transportation, sightseeing, and U.S.A. Sweats.

Robinson's parents simply are

A New Image for the City of San Bernardino....

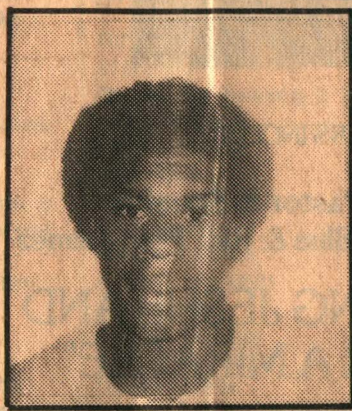
Last Thursday over 700 people joined Mayor Evelyn Wilcox at her inauguration dinner to show support for her term as head of the city of San Bernardino.

Opponents and friends were there to signal a new image for the city. As one prominent man said, we're going to support her

cadets, and Mr. Charles Graham, the chief of the Departmental Training Dept. of Corrections, who welcomed the opportunity to relax the cadets and disprove or confirm the dreaded rumors of academy life.

Nearing the time of completion the cadets were said to have identified an over all goal to "Prove that their training was not just a token opportunity for under privileged, low income participants but that they are equally qualified... as they strive for excellence in the remainder of their academy training.

Keep them coming O.I.C.



Sam Robinson

not able to furnish his entire expenses and are asking for contributions to aid this worthy endeavor. They would most certainly appreciate all donations sent to: The Norte Vista Booster Club, 6585 Crest Ave., Riverside, CA. 92505.

For most high school students, \$1,695.00 is a tremendous amount of money to be raised in 4 weeks. Sam and his parents remain optimistic "Not only is what Sam doing going to represent America in a foreign country, but he will also be representing Riverside and the entire Inland Empire and we feel the people will respond to that," his father said.

because she brings class to the city.

The city for many years has been torn by fighting between the City Council and Mayor.

The new Mayor's program was as extravagant as, the impossible dream was sung and slides starting from her staking claim by posting

Former Riverside Mayor Ben Lewis Succumbs...

Memorial services were held Tuesday for former Mayor and native Riversider Ben Lewis.

Mr. Lewis who served as Mayor from 1965 to 1978, died of heart failure. He was 82.

Mr. Lewis had been hospitalized about five times since January and was confined to his bed for the past month.

Ben H. Lewis was born in Riverside on Nov. 27, 1902. His parents were David and Edith Lewis.

A member of a pioneer Riverside family, Mr. Lewis graduated from Polytechnic High School in 1920 and attended Riverside Junior College, which now is Riverside City college.

After many jobs, advertising manager of a chain of theaters, business manager with cartoonist Walter Lantz organization, acting, he returned to Riverside and took over the title insurance business founded by his father.

His first try with politics was unsuccessful, he ran for State Assembly as a Democrat. His next try was more successful he won and stayed in the seat for thirteen years.

In his first year as Riverside's mayor, Mr. Lewis created the Community Relations Commission to deal with minority affairs and press for equal opportunity. During his first year in office, he urged residents to accept a desegregation plan for the city's schools.

When Riverside changed its charter in 1953, the Mayor's job was demoted from the city's chief administrative officer to a post with virtually no direct control over municipal affairs. The mayor became the presiding officer over City Council meetings, but later was given veto authority and the right to cast tie breaking votes.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Catherine; two daughters, Mrs. Cramer of Riverside and



Ben Lewis...Deceased

Source - Press Enterprise - Riverside

Patricia Harnage of Long Beach; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Labor Recognition Awards For Mary H. Curtin....

Over 300 people attended the Second Annual Labor Recognition Awards honoring Mary H. Curtin and Rohr Industries.

Commendations from U.S. Senator Alan Cranston, U.S. Representative George E. Brown, Jr., State Senators and Assembly members, county and city officials were presented at the event, in

addition to the Labor Recognition Awards.

Commissioner Bonnie Castrey of Federal Mediation and Conciliation addressed the group on ways of continuing harmonious dialogue between labor and management. Commissioner Castrey was pivotal in resolving last year's strike at Disneyland.

Assembly Member Sally Tanner spoke about the value of coalitions.

Emceed by Dave Sickler, AFL-CIO, field representative for the eleven western states, the program included dinner music by union musicians of Fred Massesly Group.

Daisy Brown Returns from Ethiopia....

by Daisy Brown

Part I

(Editors' Note.)

Mrs. Daisy Brown, missionary, nurse and resident of Riverside, California, recently returned from Ethiopia, where she nursed, fed and helped to open a much needed clinic.

Mrs. Brown returned with photos and said everyone she met is showing signs of malnutrition. There just isn't enough food.

This week is part I of her four part series, just as she tells it.

Recently we, brother and sister Boss, of Uptown Church of Christ, San Francisco, CA., brother Willard Crigler, of Normandie Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA., and myself (Daisy Brown) of Lincoln Ave. Church of Christ, in Riverside, CA., were blessed to go to Ethiopia, East Africa, to dedicate a medical clinic up in the Kambotta district, one hundred seventy-eight miles south of the City of Addis Ababa.

When the airplane landed in Addis Ababa, you knew without being told that you were not in America. The atmosphere took on a strangeness that was intoxicating: customs, dress and language. I immediately realized that I was lost in a situation of unfamiliarity.

Out of nowhere, the man of God, Bro. Wigebril, came forth and introduced himself as a fellow christian. My heart leaped for joy as I followed him through customs, listening to communications and following instructions, of someone whom I trusted but could not understand, only with my heart,

her first sign and ending with the climb to the Mayor's seat atop the City Hall building.



Daisy Brown

because he was my brother. Before long, we were escorted to the exits where familiar faces greeted us through the crowd, faces that brought smiles to our faces and tears to our eyes. Brother Oromo Kilbisow, was there to greet us and to Welcome us to Ethiopia.

We immediately boarded a four wheel jeep, bag and baggage, headed to the bush country, one hundred seventy eight miles of bumping, bouncing and shaking on the worse rocky road that I have ever seen. The driver of the jeep was the machanic, and what he does not know about machinery, is not worth mentioning.

That trip kept a prayer on my lips, "Dear Lord, take us safe to our destination." That trip was an experience all its own. The city and winding roads were filled with more people than I have ever seen in my life in one place. The population in the city of Addis Ababa, was 2.6 million: The outlying areas between the city and Kambotta seemed to another 2 million people plus donkeys, goats and cattle. All the time, brother Oromo was sing praises to God calling each of us by name for our presence and visit, smiling and singing, tear filled eyes with joy in his heart.

A trip which should have taken no more than four hours, took much longer because of the bad roads. The rains had returned and the hillsides were green. The rivers were beginning to fill up again, there were even mud puddles along the sides of the roads. The farmers had long waited for the rains, so they were ready, the land was plowed and planted ditches were dug for irrigation. Everywhere you could see there were people planting, plowing, and transplanting. The rich black soil, the green plants and the Blue horizons was most sculpturesque.

To be continued.....

Graduates

Next week will be the Graduation Edition of Voice News. Let us Salute YOU send or bring your picture, and a short Bio to: 2730 University Ave., Riverside 92502

or

1583 W. Baseline, San Bernardino 92411.

Religious Community News

Bishop Accepts Post With UCA....

The Bishop H. Hartford Brookins has accepted a position with United Churches Association as Chairman of the Advisory Board of Directors. It was announced by coporation president the Rev. William Turner recently.

United Churches Association is a corporation formed by a group of influential ministers and business experts for the purpose of helping church members and other people derive financial benefits provided through mass purchasing power.

A spokesman for United Churches Association confirmed the agreement with Brookins and said it calls for the Bishop to guide the growth of the organization.

The popular and often out-



Bishop Brookins

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church

Rev. J. Forbes, pastor
Eddie Spears, reporter

The morning worship service last Sunday began with the Male Chorus in procession singing "I was Glad When They said unto Me". It was time again for the Male Chorus to take charge of the music for the month of June. Whether we are in good voice or not when sister Clara McReynolds starts to play we immediately come into good voice. Her touch on the piano or organ gets us in the right singing mood. We are so thankful to God that we have her as our director and voice coach. The congregational hymn was "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing." Morning prayer was by Rev. A. Hill and the holy scripture lessons was by Rev. J.C. Tyce. The Scripture was read from the old and new testaments; Job 5:17;27 and Luke 14: 7-11. The Harvey Edwards mens chorus of Allen was at this time ready to sing our right from their hearts. The soloists for the morning was Mr. Donald Page, Mr. Guy Moore, and this reporter, Eddie F. Spears.

Allen was blessed again last Sunday to have had six visitors present to share our morning worship service with us. One of

these visitors was an old friend of Pastor Forbes who Pastors in Texas. He delivered the message. The subject of his message was "What is it for" it was a short and power packed message which was enjoyed by all present. The speaker was the Rev. E. Taylor.

Sunday, June 30, 1985 is choir day at Allen. The Celestial Choir has put together a very special choir day program for 3:30 p.m. There will be nine visiting choirs plus three choirs from Allen, the public is cordially invited to attend. Please plan to be present and enjoy the good singing.

The food and shelter bank is real unique in many ways. Food is being distributed to the needy people of all races. There is also clothing for the needy. Come by Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church on any Tuesday or Thursday from 1:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m. Let us remember all of our sick and shut-ins from all churches in the Inland Empire.

My thought for this week: "O Give Thanks Unto The Lord For He Is Good and His Mercy Endureth Forever.

Loveland News....

L.K. Davis, reporter

JOSHUA! JOSHUA! Continuing in his exciting series, "Journey Through Joshua," Pastor Chuck will preach on "There is a River" Sunday, June 30th at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Members and visitors were truly blessed last Sunday when he preached about the "Shady Lady From Jericho." Other sermons to follow will include: "When Will My Walls Fall," "The Secret Sin That Lost the War," "Using Your Mind to Win Your Battle," "The Day the Sun Stood Still," "Two Old Men in a Mountain" and "Go Up to the Wood Country" and "As for Me and My House..."

"A Look at the Men of god" is the theme for the summer evening services at 7:30 p.m. Pastors of Loveland and guest pastor will be the speakers.

Benefit Talent Show: Loveland's Youth Ministry will present a banquet and talent show Friday

night 7:30 a.m. at the Raincross Square in Riverside to benefit their July trip to Congress '85 in Washington, D.C. The benefit will feature the dynamic talents of Gwen Brown, Denece Alexander-Hunt and the Love Ministries, M-Cee's Churches 3 (those rapping Alexander boys) and the Loveland Youth Choir. For tickets call. Karen Cole at Loveland 829-0777. Joshua Beckley is Youth Pastor.

In Concert: Come early and get a good seat. Sit back and enjoy the gospel in song performed by kenneth Wells & the Riverside mass Choir Saturday night at 7 p.m. Wells and the choir will be celebrating their first anniversary featuring special guests Lonnie Morgan and the Voices in Praise from Los Angeles. The scene will be Loveland Church. Sierra and Baseline in Fontana.

Hubbard's Cupboard Opened

From the corner of this desk, I feel a great awakening of the Christian Church within the Inland Empire area. There are more people attending church now then in the past. More Christians seem to be getting involved totally in church endeavors than ever before. There seems to be a universal thrust towards evangelistic witnessing.

I am inspired at the fact of an awakening of total Christians, the fellowship one with another has superseded hate and dession-sion. The motivated minds of leadership is now moving in a direct and positive uphill climb.

People of all races and the minorities are finding there is hope in todays basic leadership that has total dedication first of God, then to Gods people, then to Gods church and last but not least to the functioning of our government. To remain in this posture, we shall direct our attention to total fulfillment of a full and happy life for each and every-one of Gods people. This is done by feeling and expressing the "Jesus Joy" for strength, the love of God for faith, and the love of mankind for unity.

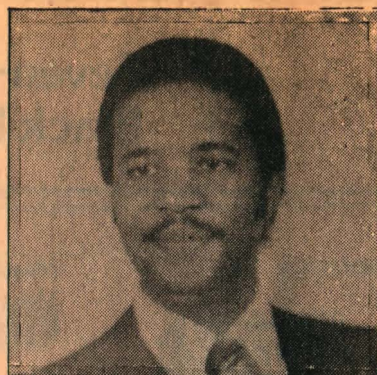
Hubbard's Cupboard Closed...

spoken Brookins will begin crusading for UCA in Miami June 19 at the Counsel of Bishops Convention.

The Rev. Turner accepted an invitation from Brookins to address the convention. Turner will also be lecturing before 100 senior pastors June 12 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"The propositions of United Churches Association are sound economics and I have no doubt it will succeed if presented to the right people." Brookins said.

The Rev. Turner called Brookins. "A leader whose direction is most vivid and positive." Brookins said of United Churches Association, "I am impressed by it and committed to it."



Islamic Dawah Center of

by Imam Ron El-Amin

The religion of Al-Islam deplors the use of terror, violence, and intimidation by individuals or by governments against innocent people to achieve an end. Our sympathies go out to the 47 Americans who are being held hostage in Lebanon. We also sympathize with the approximately 700 Muslims who have been held for 2 years in Israeli detention

What Ever Happened To Sin?

by Pastor Reginald Woods

Question: Today people's problems are labeled "mental", "sociological, "ethnic", or simply "A by-product of life." Whats your perspective?

J.R. Ontario

Answer: Dear Reader, Let me answer your question with a question. Whatever happened to sin? The root of all men's problems is the lack of knowledge of who the creator is and his plan for our life.

Romans 3:23 says "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Sin causes selfishness, insensitivity, lying, cheating, con-

fusion, rage, etc.

But, the good news is that Jesus can set a person free of all those problems. Jesus Christ has the solution to all men's problems. Psychiatrists and other professionals can only give a "band-aid" cure to problems that require surgery from the "Great Physician!"

If you have a question that you would like answered, write: Pastor Reginald Woods, Life Changing Ministries, P.O. Box 449, San Bernardino, CA. 92502

camps without any official charges being brought against them. In this sense they are also hostages.

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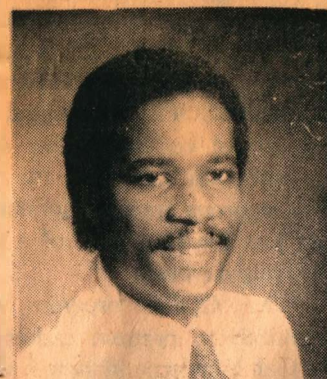
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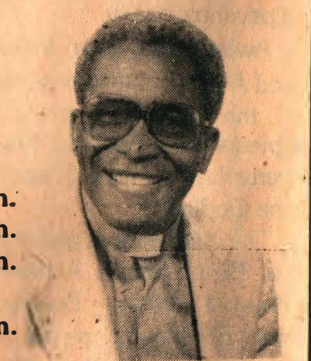
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Consumer News



Consumer News by Eunice Williamson

Question: How can I Barbecue Fish?

ANSWER: A variety of fish to please your palate, saves time, energy, and money this summer by barbecuing your catch-of-the-day...either store bought or line caught. If you plan to grill a fish that has been frozen, be sure to thaw it until cool to the touch. If fish has not been marinated, lightly brush on oil or melted butter (carefully drain or blot off excess oil to prevent grease flare-ups on the grill). During cooking, brush fish often with marinade or a one-half butter, one-half lemon juice mixture. (Small pan-dressed flatfish which tend to stick when oiled...grill best without any marinade or butter). Carefully arrange fish to minimize contact with the preheated grill. Place whole fish or fillets perpendicular to the grill bars (instead of parallel). Turn fish only once...the more you handle it, the greater chance it has of sticking. Whole fish and firm fish steaks are placed directly on the grill. For tender fish and kebobs, place a piece of greased foil—just large enough to hold the fish portion on the grill; use a skewer or fork to poke holes in the foil, then place fish on the foil. When barbecuing whole fish, cover the fish on the grill with barbecue hood or use a large sheet of foil that covers the entire grill.

QUESTION: How much electricity will I save if I air-dry in my dishwasher, rather than heat dry my dishes?

ANSWER: Using the energy-saving air-dry option saves 1/2 kilowatt hour per cycle. Based on the current Department of Energy National Average Utility Rate of 7.63 cents per kilowatt hour, you will save approximately 2 cents per cycle.

United Way Offers Free Child Care Tips Brochure...

A brochure containing guidelines for parents who need assistance in choosing day care facilities for their children is being distributed by the United Way of the Riverside Area.

The brochures are available in English and Spanish, free of charge, by contacting the United Way of the Riverside Area, 2060 University Ave., suite 212, or by calling 688-4891.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

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Psalms 15

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Farr (seated center), secretary-treasurer; and Chuck Wells (seated right), president are

The Seven-Up Co. First To Sell Major Franchise To Black Businessmen

Flint, Michigan, June 10, 1985 -- The Seven-Up Bottling franchise in the United States to be owned 100 percent by Black Businessmen.

The announcement of the historic sale to Michigan businessmen Al Bennett, Mel Farr and Charles L. Wells, III was made today by Edward W. Frantel, president and chief executive officer of The Seven-Up Company, St. Louis, Missouri, at a news conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Flint.

The sale of the \$5 million

bottling operation by The Seven-Up Company to the three Black Businessmen marks a milestone in soft drink industry history.

"At The Seven-Up Company, we are sensitive that our business activities make good social sense," Frantel said. "We are committed to making sure that our efforts with Black and minority America foster economic opportunities in one of this country's major consumer products industries. We are talking about economic trade, not economic aid."

"Al Bennett, Mel Farr and

salute their ownership of the nation's first 100% black-owned soft drink franchise.

Chuck Wells are successful businessmen in the state of Michigan. Their purchase of the Seven-Up Bottling Company of Flint is not only an historic occasion for the soft drink industry, but also one which has a \$22 million economic impact on the Flint/Saginaw area."

The new bottling company is named Bennett, Farr & Wells Seven-Up Bottling Company of Flint. Its central Michigan franchise territory encompasses six counties -- Genesee, Gratiot, Lapeer, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tuscola -- with a population of nearly one million people. All soft drink production is done at a 90,000-square foot bottling facility at 2051 West Bristol Road in Flint; a distribution facility is in Saginaw.



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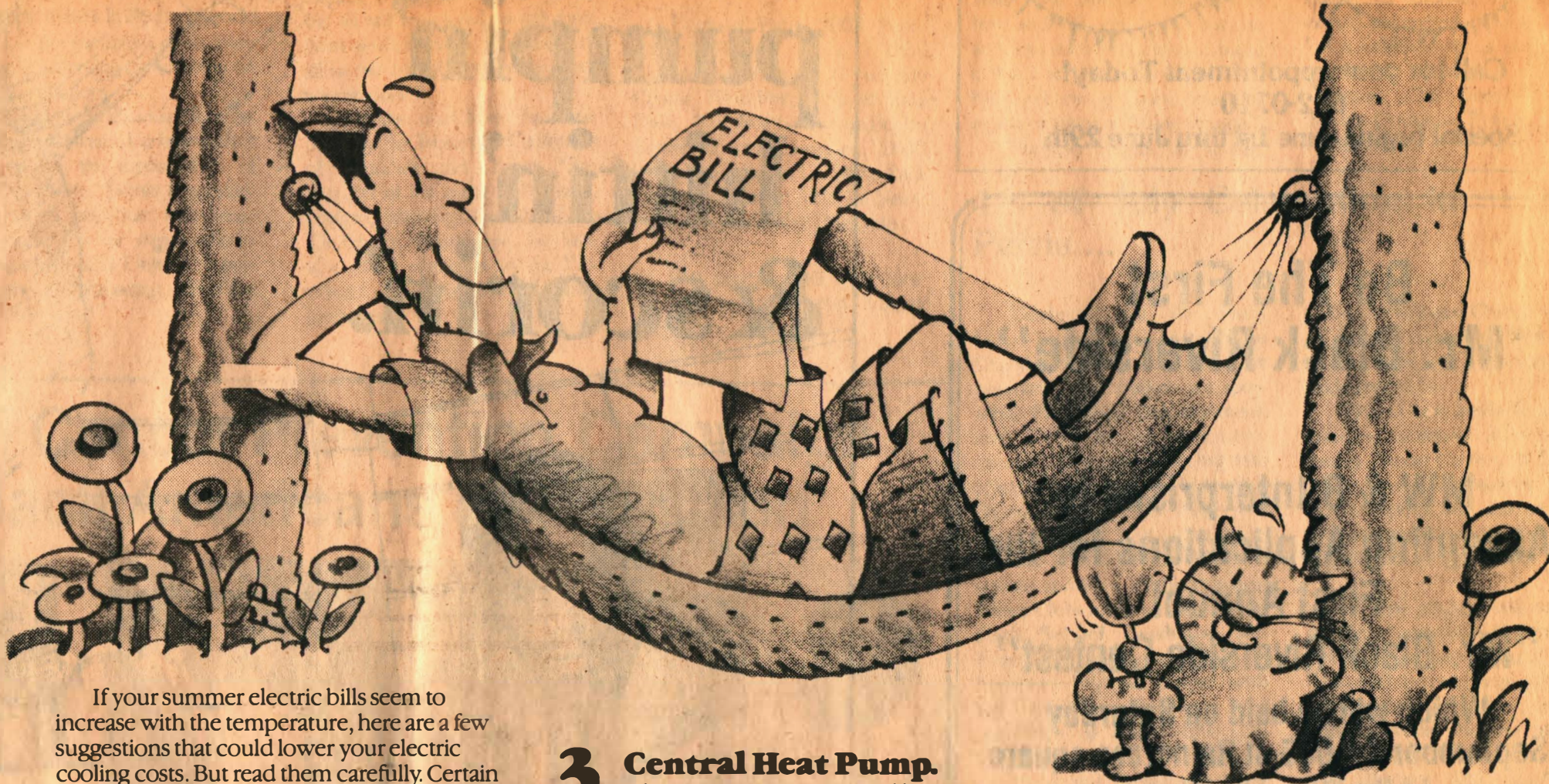
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2. Pre-cooler

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Midnight Star Rocks...

Midnight Star has been in the record business for a relatively short time -- five years to be exact. But this nine-member, Cincinnati-based unit put its stamp on the term "techno-funk" in such a dynamic fashion that Midnight Star has become one of the leaders on the contemporary music scene.

That comes as no big surprise to Reggie Calloway, co-founder and leader of the group, who once stated: "From the very beginning, it was obvious to us that we had a combination of people with the potential to do many things well."

An understatement, to say the least! The group's last album, *No Parking on the Dance Floor*, produced three hit singles and resulted in Midnight Star being the only Black group to attain platinum sales in 1983, and double platinum sales (2 million in sales) in 1984. Midnight Star's new album, *Planetary Invasion*, is an eight-song collection of dance-and-



Midnight Star

romance tracks that utilize the very latest in electronic percussion sounds and keyboard technology. "But we concentrate more on energy and good music than on special effects," says Bobby Lovelace, the group's newest member, "our music comes from the heart."

Midnight Star's music comes from the body, as well, judging

by the album-opening "Body Snatcher," a hard-driving bit of electro-boogie. Other cuts guaranteed to turn out your next house-party are "Operator," a funky, synth-crafted attack on Ma Bell, and "Courious," with its subtle lover-to-lover groove. Listen to Midnight Star switch moods as it eases into the delicately sweet "Today My Love." The duet by Belinda Lipscomb and Melvin Gentry on that ballad turns it into a classic wedding-day song, and proves that Midnight Star is

a group that appeals to the body, heart and soul.

The group was formed in 1976 on the campus of Kentucky State University in Frankfort where its members were enrolled as students. Initially, the group would sneak Belinda into Reggie's dorm room to rehearse "at transistor radio volume," but in 1977 the group left school to pursue music on a full-time professional basis. Upon learning of a chance to perform for record company A&R reps at a talent showcase in New York City, the group really decided to make the big move: "We looked like the Beverly Hillbillies," Jeff Cooper recalls. "All our equipment, stereos, dyna-gyms -- you name it -- were stuffed into one truck."

Word of the group's performance at that showcase reached Solar President, Dick Griffey in Los Angeles. He went to see them for himself and was impressed with the group's incredible showmanship, songwriting skills, and mastery of a large array of instruments. He subsequently signed them to a recording agreement, and while the group's first three albums made an impact on the charts, it was Midnight Star's fourth album, *No Parking* (containing the blockbusting "Freak-A-Zoid," "Slow Jam" and title cut) that put them on the map.

Midnight Star was awarded "R&B Album of the Year" by the National Association of Record Merchandisers and the "Ampex Golden Reel Award" for their hit-

maker status. Also, the group has been featured in an hour-long video produced by Gary Delfiner (in conjunction with Black Entertainment Television); the video is available for sale and is distributed by Home Video U.S.A.

Discussing the new album, Reggie describes *Planetary Invasion* as "a communication of our desire to please our audience and bring new listeners into the Midnight Star world." In essence, Midnight Star wants to "Rock the World."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Will you please print the lyrics to *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. (The Black National Anthem) as well as the composer, in your next issue.

Thank you,
Cessly Bartlett

Editor's Note:

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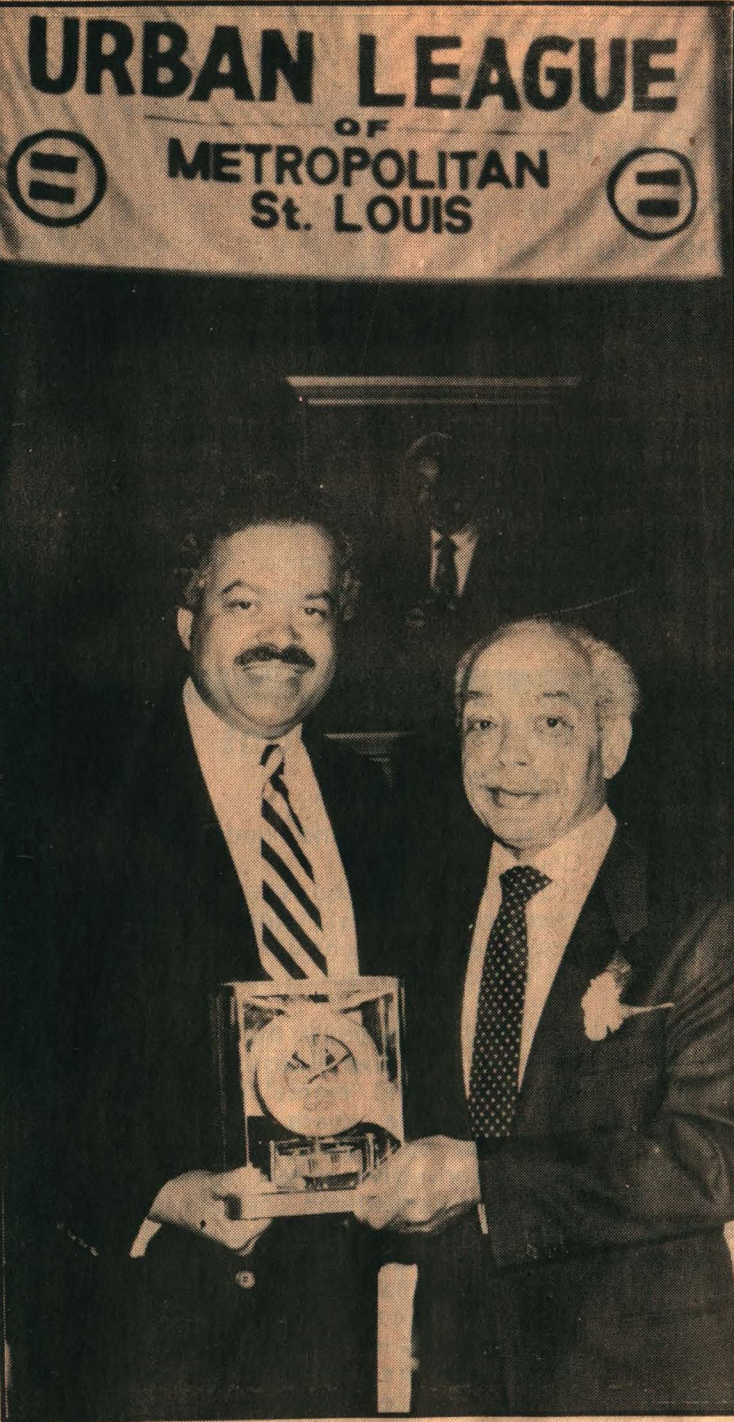
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Religious Leaders Rally in Support of Church of Scientology....

Los Angeles - Eminent Jesuit theologian Father Noel Ryan, in Los Angeles to confer with international Church of Scientology officials, spoke at a rally of more than 1,000 people who gathered at Scientology headquarters here today.

Father Ryan, principal of the Jesuit Theologian college in Australia and one of the top six theologians in the world, announced that he was about to fly to Portland for an emergency meeting of religious leaders who will be assembling in that city to formulate specific plans for preserving religious freedom in the face of the flagrantly unconstitutional decision rendered by a Portland jury against the Church of Scientology.

Also speaking at the rally was Reverend William Luke, pastor of the Western Avenue Church of God in Los Angeles and secretary of the California Committee on Religious Freedom. Reverend Luke also announced his participation in the emergency meeting in Portland later today.

"Religious leaders all over the world look to the United States for its freedom of religion as a traditional standard," Father Ryan told the crowd. "I am here because I am deeply concerned about the fact that a jury has been allowed to render a decision concerning the religiosity of Scientology's doctrines and thereby threaten this church's religious freedom. If this decision is allowed to stand, there is not a religion in the world that can hope to preserve its own religious liberty."

Father Ryan said he was hopeful that the upcoming meeting of religious leaders in Portland would result in the formation of an international watchdog commission on religious freedom.

"Only a worldwide, interdenominational watchdog organization can ensure the preservation of religious liberty," Father Ryan said. "This is a situation that must be dealt with by every religion in the world, and I intend to propose this at the meeting in Portland this afternoon."

Statements in support of the Church of Scientology from the Protestant Conference of Churches and Clergy and the New York Committee for Religious Freedom were also read at the rally.

"We stand solid behind the Church of Scientology.... We have to make it clear that religious freedom cannot be encroached by the Internal Revenue Service or by psychiatry or by the courts. It cannot be encroached upon by anyone," church spokesman, Reverend Fred Ulan read from the Committee for Religious Freedom statement.

"Religion receives its direct command from God - the church must remain inviolate," the letter continued. "We feel this decision if not overturned will affect every church and religion until, bit by bit, all religious freedom will have been eroded away. We will not allow the city of Portland to erect a tombstone."

He also read from the statement by the Protestant Conference of Churches and Clergy: "The decision of the court in Portland, Oregon, involving the case of the Church of Scientology, we feel, is a direct challenge to the Protestant churches and all other churches."

Summer Food Service For Children.....

The City of Riverside announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children under the age of 19, and will be provided without regard to race, color, sex, handicapped, or national origin. The program is designed to improve the nutrition of children through well-balanced meals during the summer months. The program operates in conjunction with the department's regular summer recreation activities at the sites listed. For more information, call 787-7269.

Bordwell Park, 2008 Pennsylvania; Villegas Park, 7358 Emerald Street; Bryant Community Center, 7950 Philbin Street; Reid Park, 701 North Orange; Bobby Bonds Sports Complex, 2060 University Avenue; La Sierra Park Community Center; 5215 La Sierra; Myra Linn Park, 4540 Meredith.

This program will start June 24, 1985, and run through August 30, 1985.

National Cancer Prevention Campaign For Black Americans Is Launched



From left, Dr. Thomas E. Malone, deputy director, National Institutes of Health; Dr. Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., director, National Cancer Institute; and the Rev. Louis Johnson of Detroit, representative of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.



From left, Dr. Malone; Stephanie Lee-Miller, assistant secretary for public affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. LaSalle Leffall, Jr., chairman, Department of Surgery, Howard University Medical Center; Dr. Michael J. Brennan, director, Comprehensive Cancer Center of Metropolitan Detroit; and LeBaron Taylor, vice president, CBS Records.



Dr. Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women, and Mel Blount, director of player relations, National Football League, at Detroit kickoff.

A special cancer prevention awareness campaign for black Americans, one of the nation's highest cancer risk groups, was launched by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) at a Detroit kickoff that attracted leaders from many fields. Officials of NCI, a federal health research agency, are joining those of major black organizations in a Joint Health Venture, a community-

based, long-range effort to drive down cancer incidence and deaths among the black population. Recording artist Aretha Franklin, chief campaign spokeswoman, currently is featured in television ads urging blacks to place a toll-free telephone call to 1-800-4-CANCER for free cancer prevention information.



NHS Invites Public to Ground Breaking of New Program...

The public is invited to attend San Bernardino Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. ground breaking ceremonies for the Veterans Owner Built Housing Program to be held Tuesday, July 2, 1985 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the corner of 8th and Perris streets in San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (SBNHS) is sponsoring the Owner Built Housing Program for "California Veterans." We are seeking to qualify ten (10) Veteran families to build each others homes from the ground-up. SBNHS construction staff will provide all technical

training and supervision to build ten (10) 3 bedrooms, 2 bath homes with a family room, dining room, fireplace, and two car garage in San Bernardino Westside.

By helping build each others homes these ten families will save substantially which will make these homes affordable to those families unable to purchase their first or larger home within San Bernardino County.

If you are interested in building your own home or would like more information, please contact the SBNHS office (714) 884-6891 or visit our office located at 1296 North Mr. Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, CA. 92411.

UCA Members Get Free Trip.....

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The trip is being offered in addition to the new UCA Travel

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Further information can be obtained by calling UCA at (818) 006-4353.

Girl Scouts Make Summer Special....

San Geronio Girl Scout Council has some super ways to make this summer special, especially for girls who've not yet been introduced to Girl Scouting. A variety of "Summer Fantasy Events," open to both non-Girl Scouts and Girl Scouts who want to bring a non-Girl Scout friend, will be offered throughout the San Bernardino and Riverside counties area. Girls between the ages of five and 17 can take part in activities such as learning to make clothes for their Cabbage Patch Kids, decorating cakes, attending a fiesta or taking an "Island Voyage."

Non-Girl Scouts are invited

to register for the events by contacting San Geronio Girl Scout Council at (714) 825-8640 or 783-2440, or by contacting a Girl Scout friend. Most of the Summer Fantasy Events include a nominal fee for supplies, and for non-Girl Scouts, a one-time-only \$3 Girl Scout registration fee.

There is also a full schedule of all-Council events for Girl Scouts during the summer, and non-Girl Scouts are invited to attend these. For a calendar of the events and registration information, call San Geronio Girl Scout Council Service Center at (714) 825-8640 or 783-2440.

4th of July Celebration in Perris.....

Celebrate July 4th! Perris Union High School District, the Chamber of Commerce, and other community organizations are sponsoring Fireworks, Entertainment, and Food for all community members. The celebration will take place on July 4th, at Perris High School Football Field. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. The show will last until 8:00 p.m. and will feature speakers: Assemblyman Steve Clute and his wife; Perris High School Graduate, Mr. Calvin Sweeney who is a professional football player with the Pittsburgh Steelers; and members of the Perris City Council.

Food and Refreshments will be available. No food or alcoholic beverages may be bought to the event.

Fireworks will highlight the finale. Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students

and senior citizens. Children under 13 will be admitted free when accompanied by a person with paid admission.

Tickets are available at the following locations: John Denver Realty, Perris; Century-21 Realty, Perris; and The People's Store, Perris. Tickets will also be available at show time on the Perris High School Football Field.

The total program will include: American Legion/Rotc Color Guard; National Anthem soloist, Bob West; High School Dancing Groups; "God Bless America" soloist, Barbara White; Patriotic Medley, Choirs-Bethel A.M.E.; and "Celebrate America: Old Glory" with an Equestrian presentation of flags leading to finale with fireworks display. Live music will also be included during the fireworks. The evening promises to be exciting and everyone is invited to attend.

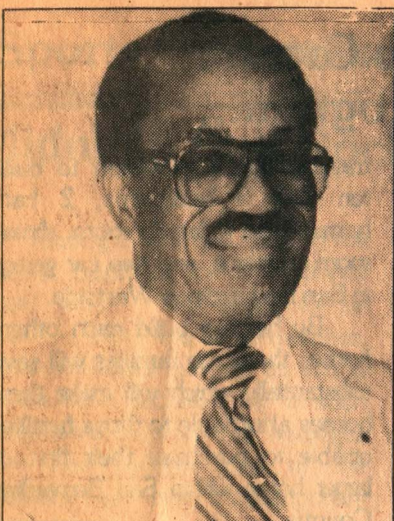
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Moreno Valley News

By Charles Leadbetter

Lemon to Orange: I purchased a transportation car for my daughter Laurie. We had trouble with the starting system. I took it back and the owner Jeff Goodman he repaired it and replaced the starter with a new one. He and Stan were very receptive regardless of the "AS IS" law. If you are not aware of this law, it allows the car dealer to say once you pay for the vehicle, all of it's problems are yours. Jeff Goodman and Stan don't play this type of game with the Moreno Valley Community. Even if he wanted to his wife and daughter would give him a hard time.(smile)

Jeff Goodman is the General Manager of the Rent and Go business located on the corner of 215 and Alessandro Blvd. in Riverside. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce in

Moreno Valley city. I am trying to get him to join the Woodcrest Lion Club. He has the progress and safety of the community as his number one goal. Jeff did not mind taking a "lemon" and turning it into an "Orange."

Adult Movie House: I do not call establishing an Adult Movie house in the area of home and school progress. We in the teaching profession have been and are on the low end of all respect due a profession that have the job of training leaders of tomorrow.

We should not allow an adult movie house with all of its paraphernalia and the type of people it attracts in our community. This is why we are a nation at risk. Many of the slaves brought over from Africa couldn't read or write, yet the families from Poland, England along with the proud Black slaves helped their, then, masters develop this country into one of the most powerful Christian countries in the free world.

Now some money hungry person is bringing garbage to our cities and homes. We don't need this type of business in Moreno Valley. If this type of entertainment is needed for certain individuals, I understand that T.V. can take care of your frustrations. Our children do not need to be exposed to this garbage. There are a group of citizens in the Valley who are very unhappy with this new addition to our new city.

City Councilpersons this type of thing is not what I was speaking of and writing about when I said

we could become a "Model for America." The "Badlands" is a candidate for toxic waste, why not this "Adult Movie House," which was so boldly placed on the freeway in our city by people who couldn't care less about the future



Perris Panorama

by Art Cook

Fish are still biting at Steve's Catfish pond. I have spent part of three Saturdays fishing in this beautiful pond and was successful each time with two catches of 20 fish in the two pound class and several in the pound to pound and a half.

Last Saturday my wife Bernie and I went with our long time friends, Bob and Josephine Hudson of Sunnymead, up to the pond and enjoyed catching the fresh fish and visiting at Steve and his lovely wife Ruby's Oasis.

Steve's pond is located at 21533 Yucca Road. The phone number is 714/657-8884.

Ruby Omelas is a delightful lady who works in the snack shop where fishing tackle, bait, cold drinks and sandwiches are available.

The pond is open from 7 to 7 on Saturdays and Sundays. There is an exhilarating unexplainable feeling that comes over me when I visit Steve and Ruby's early in the morning when the air is cool and fresh, the birds are singing and the fish are biting. The solitude and quiet peace is good for the body and mind.

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to eat and keep a roof for myself and my car running, so pleasure escapes are out.

I'm really feeling tired and empty. Do you have any ideas?

Emptiness,

Dear Emptiness,

Being away from your family and friends can always create a feeling of loneliness. There aren't very many 16 year olds with the courage and responsibilities that you have. Look deep inside of yourself and see if a car and apartment are worth the emptiness you are experiencing. Find a trust worthy person to talk to and think positive. You may have to turn to your family, remember they do love you regardless of the past!!

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Scientists Are in the Forefront of Mental Health Reform

For more than 34 years, members of the Church of Scientology have — to the alarm of psychiatrists — pointed out how psychiatry and its barbaric "treatments" are destructive to the rights, freedoms and overall well-being of individual Americans.

For example, in a 1970 issue of *FREE-
DOM*, the Church of Scientology's independent news journal, a front-page article summarized the savage effects of psychiatry in America.

Headlined "Hospital Death Toll," the article stated:

"Between 1960 and 1967, the number of deaths in U.S. mental hospitals averaged 43,623 deaths per year; more deaths per year than the total U.S. casualties in Vietnam between January 1, 1961, and November 2, 1968.

"More Americans died in U.S. mental hospitals between 1965 and 1967 than were killed in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Spanish American War, World War I, the Korean War and Vietnam COMBINED!

"War Deaths = 123,396
"Mental 'Health' Deaths = 126,325"

In that same issue, an editorial noted that "A survey across five countries failed utterly to find ONE person who had ever been cured of anything by psychiatrists or psychologists. The survey found thousands who had been permanently disabled or killed. And in at least one mental hospital, the admission total and the death total were found to be equal."

When one looks at the tools of psychiatry, these figures are no mystery. Their techniques are uniformly destructive electro-convulsive shock "therapy," pre-frontal lobotomy and mind-bending drugs.

The Church of Scientology, which can help individuals to achieve greater freedom and ability in their lives, and to be more effective, happy and successful in life, was, of course, bitterly opposed by the psychiatric vested interests.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA), in retaliation for the Church's exposure of the ineffectiveness and destructiveness of psychiatry, mounted an attack against the Church of Scientology. Beginning in 1950 with the publication of *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*, which was the forerunner of Scientology, the APA has gone to extraordinary lengths — even providing false information to government agencies

For further information, call: Toll-Free 1-800-367-8788
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Who - was the first to die at the battle of Little Big Horn, June 25, 1876?

What - decision handed down by the Supreme Court, June 28, _____ struck down racial quotas?

Where - was Paul Lawrence Dunbar born, June 27, 1872?

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/S/ Tami Jo Fisher
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 12, 1985.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
NORMAN COATS CONSULTANT
770 El Cerrito No. 3
Riverside, CA. 92507
Norman Coats
770 El Cerrito No. 3
Riverside, CA. 92507
This business is conducted by an individual.

/S/ Norman Coats
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 21, 1985.

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William E. Conerly, County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
COUNTRY FAIR
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COUNTRY FAIR CRAFTS
COUNTRY FAIR BOUTIQUE
COUNTRY FAIR EMPORIUM
COUNTRY FAIR DESIGNS
GIFTS—N—BASKETS
THE BIRTHDAY STORE
CRAFTERS NEWSLETTER
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COUNTRY FAIR DISTRIBUTORS
5503 Van Buren,
Riverside, CA. 92503
Linda Lee Erickson
17321 Casa Hermosa Dr.
Yorba Linda, CA. 92686
This business is conducted by an individual.

/S/ Linda Erickson
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 20, 1985.

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William E. Conerly, County Clerk
File No. 85-3392
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
CHRISTIAN SINGLES CONNECTION
6439 Western Ave.
Riverside, CA. 92505
Melba Faye Eisenbarth
6439 Western Ave.
Riverside, CA. 92505
This business is conducted by an individual.

/S/ Melba Faye Eisenbarth
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 5, 1985.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
R.P. ENTERPRISES
3509 Polk St.
Riverside, CA. 92505
Mary Ruth Sleeper
309 Polk St.
Riverside, CA. 92505
Pamela J. Sleeper
3509 Polk St.
Riverside, CA. 92505
This business is conducted by an unincorporated association other than a partnership.

/S/ Mary Ruth Sleeper
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 5, 1985.

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William E. Conerly, County Clerk
File No. 85-3121
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
R&B MASONRY
10021 Gilman
Banning CA. 92220
Roger Allen Wolf
10021 Gilman
Banning CA. 92220
William Charles Persall
10264 Winesap
Cherry Valley, CA. 92223
This business is conducted by a general partnership.

/S/ William Charles Persall
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 11, 1985.

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William E. Conerly, County Clerk
File No. 85-3207
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GREEN EARTH LANDSCAPE CONST.
423 21st
Huntington Beach, CA. 92646
Michael Caudill Ward
423 21 St.
Huntington Beach, CA. 92646
Harry White III
600 Central apt. 170
Riverside, CA.
This business is conducted by copartners.

/S/ Michael C. Ward
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on: June 7, 1985.

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TeacherViews

by Marilyn Russell Bittle, *President*
California Teachers Association

Improving Education Is Everybody's Job

The 123rd annual meeting of the National Education Association convenes in Washington, D.C., later this month. NEA's Representative Assembly brings together nearly 8,000 teachers — all elected by their colleagues — to set policy for the nation's largest union.

The theme of this year's NEA convention is "Building Partnerships for Quality Education."

That topic is one that ought to interest all Americans. It is one that surely affects us all. Good public schools provide benefits not "just" to the students who attend them, but also to the whole of our society and everybody who lives in it.

A literate, trained, and skilled workforce is essential both to employers and to the prosperity of our state and nation. Well educated people are more likely to be net taxpayers than tax-users — to be employed rather than drawing welfare payments, to be contributing to society rather than serving time in penal institutions.

Public education is so important that that responsibility for ensuring its success cannot — or should not — be left solely to teachers and other members of the school community.

Teachers, indeed, have never said they could do the job alone. They need support and assistance from all segments of the community — from business and professional people to sports and entertainment figures and "ordinary" working men and women.

Above all, teachers need the help of *parents* — need parents to encourage a healthy respect for learning, good study habits, and disciplined behavior at school.

"Adopt - A - School"

One tangible measure of help is support for adequate state financing and for the many improvements already identified as our schools' greatest needs — smaller class sizes, for example.

California's state superintendent of public instruction, Bill Honig, has taken the lead in assembling a broad-based coalition of business and other leaders to work for better education. Those private citizens played a crucial role in generating the pressure that led to

the state's 1983 "educational reform" law, the Hughes-Hart Act (Senate Bill 813).

There are, as well, more direct ways that non-educators can become partners in the work of our schools.

- In many communities, businesses and financial institutions have created "education funds" which award grants to teachers for developing projects aimed at improving or supplementing the existing curriculum.
- NEA's "Adopt-A-School" program helps set up partnerships between business concerns and individual schools. The factory, office, or store may give the school money or equipment — computers, for example. It may, as well, send specialists, technicians, or executives to the school to assist in the teaching of some subject or unit. The concern may also offer its facilities to students for "on the job" learning or even just for social or recreational purposes.
- Even the armed forces have got into the act. The *USS Enterprise*, docked in Alameda, has "adopted" a local high school. An outmoded jet fighter is now the school's "mechanical mascot." This year's senior class will hold its graduation ceremony on the deck of the huge carrier. And a number of officers and crew members regularly work with teachers, in academic as well as physical education courses.

In calling for "partnerships for quality education," teachers recognize that they are inviting members of the general public to visit the schools and see for themselves what goes on — as well as what problems and needs exist.

Teachers consider community involvement in education neither a "risk" nor a "liability," but a great opportunity to strengthen school programs.

As NEA President Mary Hatwood Futrell has pointed out, "teachers must have the help, cooperation, and support of all Americans — including parents, school administrators and school boards, and local, state, and national politicians."

Both our young people and our entire society would be the better for that kind of partnership.

Additional Members to Cal. Arts Council Approved 23-5

SACRAMENTO-SB 1098 by Senate President David Roberti to provide two additional appointed members to the California Arts Council, was approved by a 23-5 vote in the Senate. The measure now moves to the Assembly.

Currently, nine members of the council are appointed by the Governor and both the Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly have one appointment each.

Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank) commented: "In view of the need for an effective and informed Arts Council, the addition of two members with strong ties to the legislature can only strengthen the Council's relationship with their principal funding source...."

"Enlarging the council by two additional members will also assist them in achieving their mandated goal of encouraging artistic awareness and expression."

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Tall tales live on

By Julian Bond

Some of our time's most cherished myths were crushed again last week. For most of these chestnuts, it wasn't the first time.

They are part of the articles of faith of the modern-day conservative movement, and while they find their most prominent proponents in and around the Reagan administration, these sacred truths of right-wingism find friends in places high and low.

One — a sub-minimum wage as a spur to black youth employment — has a few supporters in the black political establishment, even as its effectiveness as a job stimulant has been disproved again and again.

The most recent debunking was by a study which said that the nation's largest employer of teens — the fast-food industry — couldn't find enough warm young bodies to keep their grills hot and their shakes cold at wages above the present minimum wage of \$3.33 an hour.

According to a survey by the Bureau of National Affairs, a privately funded group, 89 percent of urban fast-food outlet managers and 74 percent of suburban managers reported numerous personnel vacancies during 1985's first quarter — even though the average starting wage was \$3.59 an hour for full-time work, 24 percent above the federal minimum wage.

Labor Secretary William Brock is fashioning a legislative proposal that will pay teens 16 to 19 years old \$2.50 an hour. Brock and others in the administration have said the sub-minimum wage will permit employers to hire black youth, whose unemployment rate is more than 50 percent in some parts of the country.

The lower-wage has been endorsed by seven black mayors, who desperately hope against hope that it will slow the rampant youth unemployment in their cities. But the last study — like a host of others through the years — demonstrates that lower pay doesn't mean more jobs.

Myth two is the idea that the war on poverty — largely dismantled and defunded during the Reagan years — created, rather than eliminated, poverty.


That has been Reagan's cherished belief since Lyndon Johnson began to formulate his Great Society. The argument that fighting poverty actually produces it has gained currency from a recent spate of "scholarly" books and studies that claim government aid has undermined the work ethic and produced a generation of female-headed families that are more likely to be poor.

The proposed measure would enlarge the membership on the council to 13 by giving the Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly one additional appointment each to the present 11-member state-wide council.

The Council, which is charged with encouraging and developing arts in California, has become embroiled in public disputes over their failure to provide for a legislatively-mandated minority arts program and their failure to move their Southern California office from Van Nuys to downtown Los Angeles as required by the current state budget.

"California's population is diverse in its ethnic makeup. A Commitment to the development of a minority-based arts program within our state is a necessity if we are to explore and develop the many artistic talents which all of our citizens have to offer," Roberti concluded.

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